

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF VIENNA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
VIENNA CITY HALL  
205 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
October 20, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guest:

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Steve Penrod, Mayor  
Melissa Hill, Alderman  
Angela Moore, Alderman  
Richard Owen, Alderman  
Austin Tuey, Alderman  
Alan Racey, Alderman  
Ron Pitts, Alderman  
Shane Racey, Superintendent  
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk  
Alisa Sowers, Depot

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Michelle Meyers, Treasurer  
Jim Miller, Police Chief  
Brent Williams, Fire Chief

**GUESTS**

Joseph Emery  
Mayur Patel  
Sonia Patel  
Stephaine Harner  
Rollie Hawk  
Mary Harris

There being a quorum, Mayor Penrod called the meeting of the Vienna City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the October 6, 2021 council meeting minutes, the Warrant (\$13,036.84), and the September Treasurer's Report. Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Stephanie Harner, on behalf of Arrowleaf, was present to request use of the city park for Saturday, April 2, 2022. Harner said Arrowleaf would like to host a community event in efforts to expand education in the community. The event would include vendors, activities, and entertainment. Harner said more information would be provided after additional planning. Council gave consent for use the city park.

Sonia and Mayur Patel, Hotel 7 Inn, were present to inform city council of their plans for a gaming room and liquor sales. Alderman Owen made a motion to Authorize and Approve Hotel 7 Inn's application for a Class A liquor license at the location of 709 East Vine Street. Alderman Tuey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Jospeh Emery, Johnson County Elk member, requested road closure of North 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Street for the weekends of October 22-23<sup>rd</sup> and October 29-30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for the Johnson County Elks haunted house event. Council gave consent.

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Supt Racey said Illini Asphalt had completed the city oil and chip. Racey said heating was installed in the new restrooms at the city park the prior week. Racey also informed council the sewer pump was replaced at the Depot. Racey said the old pump would be rebuilt for a spare.

Alderman Moore questioned the status of the bridge work on 146 East. Moore also questioned the status of the ballfield trenches that needed filled from a previous meeting.

Mayor Penrod informed council that attorney Presser needed more information pertaining to revising the city's nuisance ordinance. Penrod selected Alderman Pitts and Moore as a committee to review the current ordinance for additional changes.

Penrod said the city had received its first installment of property taxes. Penrod said the city was waiting to be reimbursed for the completed amphitheater project through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Penrod informed council that he met with Chief Miller to address the individual that was sleeping in the city park, as the city had received numerous complaints. A thirty-day ban from the park was issued by Chief Miller. Penrod said Arrowleaf was currently working to help assist the individual.

Penrod announced Tri-State food drive to take place at Shawnee Worship Center on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-noon. The location was moved from the city park due to the bridge repair and possible traffic congestion.

Penrod said city water plant operators were working on an alternative method to control pressure to empty the city water tower without a city boil order. The upcoming tank inspection was scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>.



Penrod said an individual had reached out to the city inquiring of a liquor license for a wedding venue at the old gambit property on 146 East. Penrod also said Kelly Harper had interest in opening a new business at the location of the former Harper Ford dealership and would request from the city that East Main Street be closed from 146 East partially to Hwy 45. Council had discussion.

Penrod said he had contacted United Gas Management Representative, Ron Ragan, for information on rising natural gas prices and how it will affect the city. Ragan said although gas prices looked to increase, the city had 60% of its gas hedged for the winter months.

At 7:08 p.m. Alderman Owen made a motion to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss Employment, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)-Three-month probation period review of administrative assistant, Mary Harris. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. Motion carried.


At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Owen made a motion to resume the Regular session. Motion seconded by Alderman Pitts. Motion carried.


Alderman Owen made a motion to increase the hourly wage of Mary Harris to \$17.00/hour, including holiday pay, effective immediately. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Hill-yes, Moore-yes, Owen-yes, Pitts-yes, Racey-yes, Tuey-no. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss Alderman Tuey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Penrod declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**For APPROVAL:** November 3, 2021

  
Steve Penrod, Mayor

  
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk